

## Panthers Say an Autopsy Shows Party Official Was 'Murdered'

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CHICAGO, Dec. 6—A black alderman and attorneys for the Black Panther party asserted today that an independent autopsy performed on the body of Fred Hampton, a slain Panther official, "confirms our theory that he was murdered while he was asleep."

Mr. Hampton, the 21-year-old Illinois state chairman of the Panthers, and Mark Clark, a Panther leader from Peoria, were shot to death in a police raid on an apartment here early Thursday morning.

The police have said that the two men were shot in a gun battle lasting at least 10 minutes when the raiding party entered the apartment a block from the Panther offices at 4:40 A.M. The police said that what they termed a "shootout" ensued after a woman in the apartment opened fire on them with a shotgun.

Four other Panthers were wounded in the apartment, and three more were arrested. One policeman was grazed on the leg with a shotgun pellet and another cut his hand on a piece of glass.

### Party Aide Surrenders

The Panthers charged that the police had burst into the apartment and opened fire and that the occupants had had no opportunity to shoot back.

The Panthers' deputy minister of defense, Bobby Lee Rush, the ranking surviving party official here, surrendered to the police this morning at a meeting of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's operation breadbasket.

He had been sought on a warrant charging him with failure to register a weapon since the police staged a raid on his apartment at 5:30 A.M. yesterday. He was not at home then.

The police said that the raid had produced a 22-caliber, two-shot derringer, several hundred rounds of ammunition, dried leaves that might be marijuana, military instruction manuals and literature that they described as "inflammatory."

Mr. Rush was held on \$1,500 bond.

The private autopsy was held at the funeral home owned by Alderman A. A. Rayner, where Mr. Hampton's body is awaiting burial on Monday.

### Lawyer Watches Autopsy

Francis Andrew, one of three attorneys for the Black Panthers who arranged and observed the examination, said that the autopsy had been conducted by "a leading pathologist, a renowned expert in forensic medicine. He was assisted by two other distinguished doctors."

All three doctors were white.

Mr. Andrew said, "a bullet hole was found just below Fred Hampton's hairline above his

right eye. An examination of the angle of the wound showed that if Hampton was lying on his back, the person who shot him would have been standing above him, slightly to the right and behind his head."

"Another bullet hole was below the right ear, with an exit hole on the left side of the lower neck, showing exactly the same angle as the other bullet hole," the lawyer continued. "There were two other bullet grazes, one of the front left shoulder, again at the same angle, and one on the right arm."

"No exit wound could be found for the bullet hole in the top of the head, but the doctors could not find the bullet, which is very curious," he said.

James J. Walsh, administrative assistant to coroner Andrew J. Toman, said yesterday that the official examination showed Mr. Hampton had been struck by a bullet in the left temple and by another in the lower portion of his neck, while a third had grazed his arm.

Meanwhile, Edward V. Hanrahan, state's attorney, announced that Alderman Rayner himself was under investigation for his connection with the Panthers. Mr. Hanrahan's office said that copies of the lease on the Panther headquarters "uncovered" yesterday had been signed by Mr. Rush and Mr. Rayner.

### Says He Signed Lease

The alderman confirmed that he had co-signed the lease and added, "The police had squad has been asking people in the area about my work with young people."

The Panthers have been conducting public tours of the apartment in which their leader was slain. Hundreds of people, including some whites and two Negro state senators have passed through, listening as Panthers lecture and point out the bullet holes.

The small, five-room apartment does not have the extensive scars, pockmarks and bullet holes that one might expect from the police description of what they said was a fierce gun battle. Many walls and entire rooms have no visible scars, and most of the bullets are clustered in the area where the Panthers were shot.

Roy Innis, national director of the Congress of Racial Equality, called yesterday for investigations into the deaths of 28 Black Panther party members killed in clashes with the police since January, 1968.

Mr. Innis made the request in telegrams to President Nixon, Attorney General John N. Mitchell, Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago and other officials.